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Dear Ms. Jones:

I am writing to update you concerning the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) involvement at the American Chemical Services National Priorities List (NPL) site, Griffith. I have received the results of the Phase II sampling conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, Mr. Gregory Steele, Indiana State Board of Health, has provided information concerning cancer occurrence in Griffith. Both of these data packages are presently being evaluated. In addition, we have begun to write the Health Assessment for the American Chemical Services NPL site.

I anticipate that the draft Health Assessment will be ready for internal ATSDR review by the end of April. Because there has been some changes in staffing (e.g., reassignment of individuals), the internal review may take longer than normal. It may take several months to complete the internal review of the American Chemical Services Health Assessment.

After internal review, the Health Assessment-Initial Release will be reviewed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana State Board of Health. This review is to assure we have not misrepresented any information or data provided by these agencies.

The Health Assessment Public-Comment Release will then be available for your review and comment after we have incorporated the appropriate comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Indiana State Board of Health. I anticipate that the public comment period for the American Chemical Services Health Assessment will occur in September.

If you have any concerns or questions related to the American Chemical Services NPL site or the Health Assessment, please contact me. I can be reached through this office or by telephone at 404/639-1567.

Sincerely yours,

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